

AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attorney Docket No.: Q94625

Application No.: 10/577,047

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending. Claims 1-11 are canceled. Accordingly, Claim 12 is amended to be independent and to delete various members of certain Markush groups. Claims 13-14 and 19-20 are amended to change the claim dependency in view of canceled claims. Claim 21 was previously canceled.

Thus, no new matter is added.

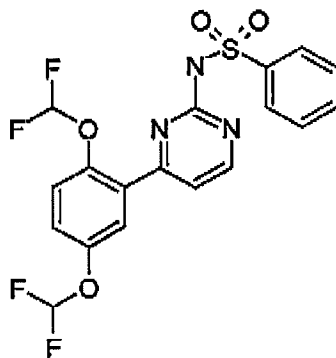
Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated April 28, 2009, Applicant elects Group I, claims 12-20 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Further, in order to advance the prosecution, Applicants request that the Examiner begin by searching the following compound, N-{4-[2,5-bis(difluoromethoxy)phenyl]pyrimidin-2-yl} benzenesulfonamide, which is described in Example 5(2).

The structure of the compound of Example 5(2) is provided below.



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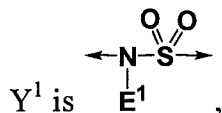
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For formula (Ib-1), the specific substituents of the compound of Example 5(2) are as follows:

Q is a cyclic ring which may have substituent(s),

Z is a nitrogen atom,



E¹ is a hydrogen atom,

W is a single bond,

R and R¹ are each independently a hydrogen atom,

R² is a methyl substituted with two halogen atoms,

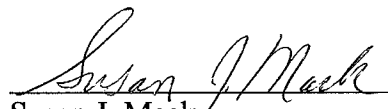
G is -O-, m is 2, r is 2, and s is 3.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected subject matter.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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